

Project Update

Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment

April 2025



Convenient access to expanded outpatient services

The new hospital, set to open in 2025, is designed to create a more accessible, consumer-centered healthcare experience with key outpatient and specialist services co-located on the ground floor.

Outpatients will have access to a wide range of healthcare services in one convenient location, including:

- Renal
- Cancer care
- Hospital in the Home
- Pregnancy Care Clinic
- All Outpatient Clinics including Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Pregnancy Care and Paediatric clinics
- Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service
- All specialist consultations
- Rehabilitation and Allied Health Services, including two gymnasiums

By co-locating these services, the new hospital enhances care coordination, improves communication among staff, and streamlines clinical workflows—

addressing challenges in the current hospital where services are spread across multiple buildings.

The new hospital will feature 38 consultation rooms—nearly four times more than the current 10—ensuring greater capacity for appointments and improving specialist care. Increased capacity for telehealth options will allow for remote consultations, reducing the need for in-person visits when appropriate and improving access to specialist care for all community members across the district.

Outpatient services are located within easy reach of the hospital main entry and feature lounge areas with comfortable seating. Patients and visitors can enjoy the seating and offerings of the cafe and Hospital auxiliary kiosk, while a landscaped central courtyard provides an outdoor option with fresh air and seating areas.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery will curate rotating exhibitions of local artwork, and a permanent social history exhibit showcases the healthcare services which have supported Griffith's community since the early 1900s.



Artist, Carolyn Williams

Signage features local Aboriginal language translations

Signs at the new Griffith Base Hospital feature local Aboriginal language translations as part of MLHD's commitment to provide culturally safe and welcoming environments.

The Wiradjuri translations have been installed on signs at 21 locations across the hospital, helping to educate patients, visitors, and staff about the traditional custodians of the land and their history.

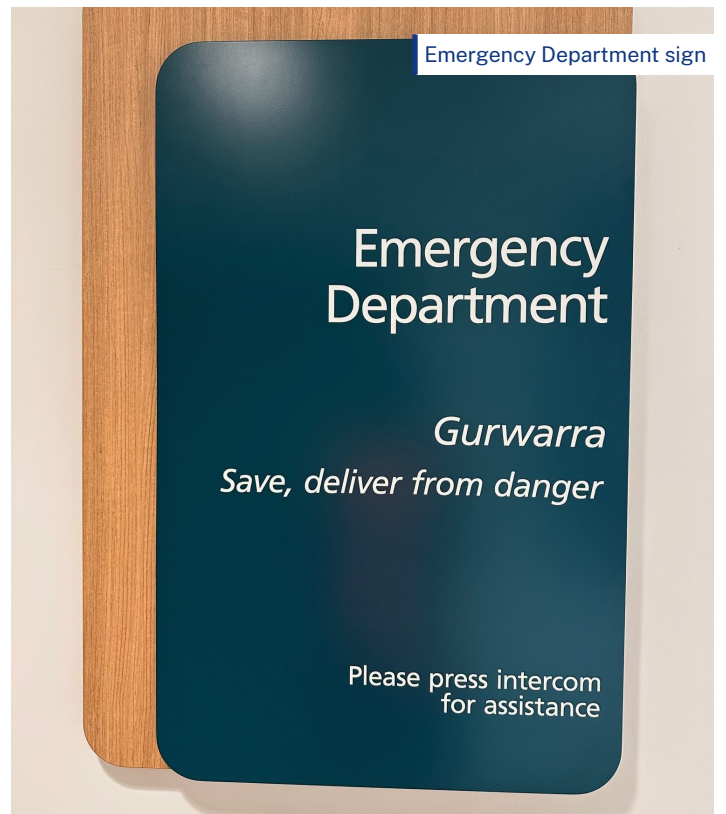
Translations for department names within the hospital and key public areas include:

- Emergency Department “Gurwarra”, save, deliver from danger,
- Paediatric Inpatient Unit “Walumarra buraay”, protect child, and
- Intensive Care Unit, “Wirimbirra murrawal’, care very much.

These translations were developed in consultation with the Budyaan Wiradyuri Language Trust and local Aboriginal community groups, including:

- MLHD's Aunty Jean's Program
- Griffith Aboriginal Women's Group
- Walan-budhang Gibirr Aboriginal Men's Group
- Marrambidya Dance Group

A range of initiatives across the redevelopment project recognise Aboriginal culture. These include salvaged



stone artefacts embedded into the community courtyard, a welcome video in the main entry, and yarning circle featuring local stories and language. Artwork by local Wiradjuri artist Carolyn Williams will be a feature in the new Emergency Department entrance, and level 1 stairwell. These elements ensure the Griffith Base Hospital is not just a place of healthcare, but also a space that respects and embraces the region's rich Aboriginal history and culture.

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All existing services to open in new hospital

The \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment will provide the community with contemporary, high quality healthcare under the one roof.

Health Infrastructure and Murrumbidgee Local Health District are working closely with the construction contractor as the new hospital building progresses through the final stages of construction.

This will be followed by an operational commissioning period before health services are safely transferred from the current hospital to the new health facility. Services are expected to commence at the new hospital in late Quarter 2, 2025. The opening date will be announced in the coming months.

To ensure a smooth transition, a comprehensive relocation plan has been in development for over 18 months. The plan is regularly refined to align with best practice, ensuring a coordinated and well-managed move for staff and services into the new facility.

To facilitate a safe transition, all existing services will relocate and settle into the new hospital. There will be no decrease in beds or services. A number of additional staff are being recruited to support the flow of services within the new health facility.

We have planned for our staff, patients and community to settle into the new building before bringing additional services online or increasing the capacity of existing



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services. This approach has been developed in consultation with medical staff.

The new hospital has been designed with the capacity to grow as demand for health services changes. This will be managed carefully with priority given to patient and staff safety.

Health services are continuing as normal at the hospital while construction is under way.

Before the opening, we look forward to welcoming the community to a special Open Day event, providing an opportunity to explore the new hospital.

Once the new hospital opens, work will focus on construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, refurbishment of the Ambulatory Care Hub and extensive landscaping.

How to access the new hospital when it opens in 2025

On the move! All health services, except dental, will move into the new hospital building when it opens in 2025.

The public will continue to use the existing hospital main entry to access the new hospital.

The 24-hour Emergency Department, Renal services, NSW Pathology collections and all services currently provided in the Ambulatory Care Hub will relocate to the new hospital.

Car parking will include a drop-off/pick-up zone and several accessible options at the front of the hospital for people with limited mobility.

Dental services will remain in the same location, accessible from Warrambool St.

The opening date for the new hospital will be announced soon.

Ambulance and emergency service vehicle entry to the hospital will be via Warrambool St.

Existing hospital main entry



Look ahead

Quarter 2, 2025

Operational Commissioning

A 6-week period to ready the new hospital before it opens to patients and staff. This is to make sure the new health facility is safe and ready for patients, consumers, staff and visitors.

Community Open Day

Move into new hospital

Furniture, equipment, staff and patients transfer to new building.

New hospital open

The opening date will be announced soon.

Quarter 3, 2025 – 2026

Refurbishment of Ambulatory Care Hub

The Hub will accommodate community health and aged care services.

Finishing Works

The final phase of the redevelopment includes removal of redundant buildings, construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, and extensive landscaping.

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